

## LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. L. W. Holt, of Lakewood, was in town Monday.

Mrs. Rule visited El Paso Tuesday, on business.

Lucas & Reynolds last week shipped 300 old cows from Toyah to Ft. Worth.

Mrs. L. N. Hoag, of Malaga, was in Carlsbad Tuesday on a shopping expedition.

Jim Scanlan met with a severe accident last week, by his horse falling and throwing him about thirty feet, and carries some bad scars on his face besides walking lame from injuries received to his side and limbs.

At the recent appointment of commissioned and non-commissioned officers in the corps of the battalion of cadets of Staunton Virginia Military Academy for 1908 and 1909, Carl Livingston, of Carlsbad, was complimented by having the commission of the highest ranking lieutenant conferred upon him.

M. C. Stewart, ex-sheriff and sheriff-elect of Eddy county, Will Kerr, Y. R. Allen and Dr. Doepf came in last Saturday from their hunt in the eastern side of the county. They brought in two deer and a wild hog as the result of a ten day hunt.

John Moore, the genial young lineman of the Utilities Co., fell from a telephone pole, a distance of about twenty feet, the other day. He was lucky, though, coming out with a broken arm and a few minor injuries. He's around again, with his arm in a sling, and his many friends hope for his speedy recovery and early return to his duties.

Clay McGonagill, the world famous roper and rider, met with a very serious accident, last Saturday, while riding the range near Knowles, in this county, some seventy miles north east. While heading a bunch of wild horses, Clay's horse turned a double somersault, from stepping in a hole, breaking Clay's thigh in two places. Dr. Calloway, of Midland, was phoned and came out in his auto, but found the injury so severe that he carried Clay to Midland before endeavoring to reduce the fracture.

S. A. McKneeley, who came to Carlsbad some three years ago from Arkansas for his health, and who was for some time in the employ of E. Hendricks as a dry goods salesman, died at about one p. m., Tuesday, at the home of his aunt, Mrs. M. F. Chaytor, having been taken down June 20th with fever and other complications. The body was shipped Wednesday morning, accompanied by his sister, Miss Lucille McKneeley and Mrs. Chaytor, to Ashdown, Ark. "Sam" by which name he was familiarly known, was an exceptionally agreeable and companionable young man and made many friends during his short life in Carlsbad all of whom very much regret his death. Sam was a young man, being only 27 on the 26th of last September.

There seems to be considerable misunderstanding concerning the road supervisor districts of Eddy county, for the people in various parts of the county have been notifying the wrong road overseers concerning the condition of the roads. The first district comprises that portion of the county between a point a mile north of Lakewood to a line running east and west along the section line north of the Bolles Farm, west across the mouth of Sheep Draw, thence west to north or along Wagon Tire Draw. That portion of the county south of this line is District No. 3, and the supervisor is G. W. Witt. North of a line a mile north of Lakewood Mr. Patrick is the supervisor and his address is Artesia, while Messrs. Witt and B. L. Walker get their mail in Carlsbad for the present.

S. B. Smith came in from the Smith & Bitting ranches in the mountains and foothills west of Carlsbad Tuesday. He reports cattle doing well but says the grass in the foothills did not mature so as to have the strength in it that it would have had if the long dry spell after the July rain had been broken enough to keep the grass growing instead of drying up before maturity. However he anticipates no loss should rain come in February or March, but a long and dry spring would cause much hardship among cowmen. Sam says he has repaired the windmill at the mouth of Johnson canon and it is a first class watering now. There is enough water at Mosley to irrigate considerable land, but the large number of cattle watering there keeps the grass tramped out for a mile or more all around this excellent spring.

Paul Aires came in Tuesday for a coffin in which to bury the remains of little Oscar the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Cochran. The little boy will be remembered by many as the child that when only two years old wandered away from home and was lost in the mountains for two days and was finally trailed by John Williams and others to a shelf on the rocks on the breaks of Dog canon where he had fallen and probably lain for some time. The boy has been ill for some time and was brought in by his father for treatment a few months ago but did not improve, finally passing away as stated. The parents have the sympathy of all in their great loss.

The season's biggest ball will be given on Thanksgiving night Thursday, November 26, at the Skating Rink. Dance commences promptly at nine o'clock. The Wells Orchestra will furnish splendid Music for the Occasion. Bring your girl, wife, mother, sister, aunt and mother-in-law, and have a good time with the Fire Boys. Dancers \$1.00. Ladies free.

To-morrow is the time, Thorne's Furniture Store is the place and the ladies of the Presbyterian church are the ones to sell you Christmas trinkets, clothing for small children (grown-ups too) and delicious home made candies. Cake, coffee and doughnuts will be served afternoon and evening.

J. R. Womack, who recently returned from Geary, Oklahoma, having been called thither by the death of his father who was eighty-five years old when he passed away, has purchased an interest with Mr. Stobaugh in the Union Meat Market and is busy these days rustling stock to kill for the market.

About 300 head of yearling heifers, sold by C. W. Merchant & Sons to S. T. Bitting, escaped from the dipping vat pens, Tuesday night, scattering in all directions, only 213 of them being picked up Wednesday and dipped and shipped.

"On the Frontier" was played to a record breaking house for Carlsbad last Friday night. The play is a good one for this section because it delineates in a very accurate manner for the stage a drama of the frontier.

Jolly old Santa Claus with a brand new snow storm, which has never before been snowed, at the Presbyterian ladies bazaar to-morrow afternoon and night.

It will not take a barrel of money to buy the pretty things, or to eat something good at the Presbyterian ladies bazaar to-morrow.

The best gasoline engines for sale at the R. Ohnemus shops.

Dr. Dearduff came in from Knowles yesterday to meet his wife who has been east on a visit for a couple of months. The doctor brought in a magnificent specimen of gray eagle that will be mounted by M. Ohnemus.

Ohnemus can fix it. The largest blacksmith stock in the valley.

John Emerson came in from Knowles Wednesday.

## Notes Under the Project.

C. W. Beeman, the President of the Pecos Water Users' Association, came up from Malaga Tuesday morning to attend the regular monthly Board meeting. On Wednesday he accompanied W. M. Reed to McMillan on an inspection tour of the construction that is now going on at that point. The work on the Reservoir is being pushed, and it is expected that water can be stored by the 1st of the month.

The Farmers' Institute Society organized two years ago, has already done much good work. It held one meeting each month during the winter in rotation at Carlsbad, Otis, Loving and Malaga. Very interesting programs were provided, and interesting subjects were ably discussed by men who had had experience in various lines of farming from time to time. Outside talent also took part in the program. It is the purpose of the officers of the Association to make the Society of still greater practical use the coming season. They are already considering the plan of having two strong programs in the middle of the winter to have subjects that pertain particularly to farming under this Project discussed. The Agricultural College has promised its assistance by sending good men to take part in the program. The officers are obtaining the views of the members before deciding on the work for the winter. The Farmers' Institutes have been a great factor in developing agriculture in America, and its usefulness is so generally recognized that many states have established departments to carry on regular institute work for the instruction of the farmers. This Local Society, therefore, that has already done much good should receive the cordial support of every one under the Project.

The Florence school district has just received its money for the sale of bonds that were voted for the purpose of doubling the school facilities of the district. The school population is increasing very rapidly, and more room is absolutely necessary to accommodate the children that now attend the school this year has been practically up to the enrollment.

The papers in Roosevelt county report on the returns of broom corn in their last issue. It appears that the broom corn grown in this part of the Valley is of high quality and is bringing a good price, namely \$50.00 a ton. But brush that is off colors is selling any where from \$25.00 to \$40.00. The yield runs from one to two tons of brush to the acre. After the brush has been removed there is still a lot of fodder that is valuable for feeding, and is now being used to advantage. No broom corn has ever been grown here, but it is well worth the attention of the farmers. With a factory located here brooms would be lower and the price of the brush would be higher than if it had to be shipped to some distant point.

Conditions for growing asparagus are very favorable. It is a crop that is also very profitable. It takes a little time to get asparagus established, as the grass will not stand to be cut commercially until the third year, but after the grass is well established it may be cut heavily year after year, until the crowns finally get too near the surface. It is a product that does not need to hunt for a market. It is always in

demand, and can be shipped long distances. Growers in New Mexico claim \$200.00 to \$300.00 net profit a year per acre of asparagus. Of course these men understand the business, and keep their asparagus fields in producing conditions. There is considerable interest among some of the new settlers in asparagus and there is likely to be considerable planted this winter. C. F. Rasweiler among others is planning to set out 6,000 plants, or an acre in all. Others plan to plant two rows of asparagus between rows in peach orchards, and will thus be able in time to take two heavy crops, both money makers, from the same tract of land.

The new owners of the Lower Hagerman Farm east of Loving are getting ready to begin very extensive improvements. The dam across the Pecos River will be repaired and raised. The old canal will be enlarged and extended some distance below the present cultivated area to what is generally termed Scoggins Flats. There is also some talk of building a bridge across the Pecos River just east of Malaga. Any way the ford will be improved and a good crossing established.

J. R. Blair of Malaga has just returned from an extended business trip to El Paso and other points. Mr. Blair is one of the men that showed his faith in the Carlsbad Project by purchasing a goodly tract of land east of Malaga two years ago at a time when things were not inviting to the prospector. Mr. Blair is an improver. He went to work immediately to bring his new purchase into proper state of cultivation. Last year he planted practically everything into alfalfa, and has improved his place in other ways as well.

The Carlsbad Tuberculosis Sanatorium has passed into the hands of Dr. J. D. Pettet, who has been putting the Sanatorium into condition to receive patients the past two weeks. At the present time the sanatorium can care for at least twenty patients. If conditions should require it, additional accommodations can be provided on a short notice. There are individual quarters for patients besides the necessary buildings for administration, dining room and etc.

## WHOLE TOWN BETTERMENT.

### Plan For Beautifying Both Residential and Business Sections.

W. C. Winsborough of Kansas City, Mo., who is greatly interested in civic improvement, does not believe that Kansas City should stop at cleaning up the downtown streets and beautifying the business section, but should extend it to the residential sections.

In stating his views to a Kansas City Star reporter he made the following good suggestions for improvement of towns:

"The 300 block idea and the 1,100 block crusade are fine attempts at

civic betterment, and they should be followed by similar efforts for beautifying the residence districts of the city. A clean downtown business district should go hand in hand with an attractive collection of homes in which these business men and their families live. This beautifying idea should become prevalent in Kansas City, as it has in Cleveland, Philadelphia, Brooklyn and other eastern cities. Several years ago the women's auxiliary of the Manufacturers and Merchants' association took up the matter of interesting Kansas City people in improving the appearance of their homes by the planting of flowers and the improving of their lawns. Prizes were offered, and the success of the movement indicated the widespread interest taken in it. With the abolition of the auxiliary, however, the movement died and no one has started it again."

Mr. Winsborough was one of the leaders in the home improvement crusade and is still a believer in its benefits, not only because of the added attractiveness presented by the homes, but as a good citizen maker and moral agent.

"The planting of flowers and shrubs is not alone an advantage to the householder because of the added beauty they give to his property," he said, "but it gives instruction to his growing children. Every child is benefited by a knowledge of plant life. The city children learn too little of ordinary botanical facts. By the institution of such a movement these disadvantages of city life are removed. It could be inaugurated with little trouble, and once started it would spread of itself. No man will watch his neighbor beautifying and cleaning up his property without trying to emulate him. The city health and police departments could greatly assist in the crusade by compelling property owners to obey the ordinance concerning cleanliness."

### Home Trade Philosophy.

Every man who spends \$2 around home where only a dollar was spent before is a benefactor to his race.

Plenty of men who froth at the mouth when they discuss the centralization of government are fostering the centralization of trade by patronizing the big mail order houses which try to gobble up the business of local merchants.

One way to stand by your own town is not to sit down and write orders for goods to be shipped from the city when you can buy them to just as much advantage right at home.

A town with no business has no business to be a town, and it won't be a town very long after its business is eliminated by too much dillying on the part of its citizens with the mail order business.

The citizen who patronizes home industries without seeking an excuse is the sparkle in the wine of life, while the one who prefers to spend his money outside of his own community is the dregs.

### Town Planning.

In an address before the congress of horticulturists in Jamestown some weeks ago a speaker said, "It is the duty of village improvement societies and park superintendents to direct their attention to the preparation of (town) plans rather than to expend all their efforts and money on a small area or other minor improvements at haphazard or upon general clearing up operations, street lighting and the like that should be executed by the town officers through their regular appropriations." He added that public spirit, wisely directed by a well thought out plan, could transform a town in from five to eight years, but he said there must be locally a leader in the movement "who is big enough to grasp the whole conception and persistent enough to hold fast against criticism until it is well under way." This means self sacrificing effort at first, but ultimately it is sure of general approval, and happily almost every town contains such a leader.

### The Coop.

"This flat is a mere coop." "Yes, John," said his wife sweetly, "and the coop has just flew it."—Pittsburg Post.

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